



THE SPORTSMAN

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BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Conservation Pledge:

*I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend
from waste the natural resources of my country
– it's air, soil and minerals; it's forests, waters and wildlife.*

President: Vacant, **Vice President:** Bob Overly | **Secretary:** Ron Flerx, **Treasurer:** John McIntosh
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Pos 3. Carl Peterson (term expires 2027), Pos 4. Steve Christensen (term expires 2026)
Membership Chairperson: Vacant | **Newsletter Editor:** Ron Flerx

Message from the Vice President

As we are approaching the Holidays and the end of the year, I encourage you to take the time to reflect on what this club has done this past year. I would urge you to look ahead for projects for 2026. Let us continue to move forward and to keep the ideas flowing. What can we do in the future to help wildlife and to encourage our community to experience the out-of-doors.

To the hunters and gatherers among us, I hope you have had a good fall. Hopefully hunters and fishers alike have been successful.

Looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting. My wishes to all that you can enjoy time with family and/or friends this Thanksgiving.

- Bob Overly

Message from the BSC Secretary

I'm reaching out once more by asking club members to provide articles for our newsletter.

As most of you may already know, Carmen and I have a new puppy and we have been very busy training and exercising him. Chance is a golden retriever who is now 9 months old, weighing nearly seventy pounds. We walk him on average 3 to 4 days a week on the trails within Banner Forest found in South Kitsap. Banner Forest was last logged approximately 30 plus years ago and is now maturing and transitioning into an OLD Growth Forest!

Kitsap County Parks Department is currently planning on harvesting timber on these 600 hundred acres. The County has determined the thinning/logging is needed to enhance the health of the forest. Those who are using Banner Forest are not accepting the counties reason for logging on this property! A non-profit group, Save Banner Forest, has been formed, gathering more than 3000 signatures opposing this logging plan, which has been publicly presented to Kitsap Commissioners and the Parks Department. Save Banner Forest group organized and set the agenda for a public meeting held at the Olalla Community Center with the District 2 County Commissioner Oran Root in attendance. The planned logging of Banner Forest Heritage Park has officially been paused by Kitsap County officials until sometime between mid-summer and the end of the year in 2026. Reason for pause? Kitsap County officials are of the opinion that the citizens need to be educated on managing the health of the forest. In reality it's not the citizens who need to be educated, it's Kitsap County Commissioners, the County Forester, and Park Manager who need the education to understand how Banner Heritage Forest will mature naturally without human intervention.

- Ron Flerx

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2025

BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS:

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. November's general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th. We are meeting at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club's facility found at 7553 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton WA, 98312. Pot luck at 6:00 PM, General meeting Start at 7:00 PM

STARTS
JANUARY 12, 2026

WASHINGTON STATE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Starts 1/12/2026 and Ends on March 13th, 2026. Note: On December 1st Pre-Filing of Bills opens.

SPRING 2026

HCSEG WORKS TO REOPEN NATURE CENTER

(from Shelton-Mason County Journal – Oct 30, 2025 Edition)
The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will reopen the Theler Wetlands Nature Center in Belfair this spring. The building has been closed for nearly a decade.

Information Provided by the Shelton-Mason County Journal

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group's adult fish trap on the Union River in Belfair caught 4,073 chum, 1,038 coho, 45 chinook, and 91 pink.



NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

8 Servings

INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices bacon, diced
- 1 & ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 & ½ cups of water
- 4 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 & ½ teaspoon salt
- black pepper
- 3 cups ½ & 1/2 milk
- 3 tablespoons of butter

DIRECTIONS:

1. Dice clams or as many as you need or desire.
2. Cook bacon in large pot until almost crisp, add onions and cook for 5 minutes
3. Stir in water and potatoes, and add salt and pepper, bring to a boil and cook, uncovered until potatoes are tender, pour in milk and butter.
4. Drain clams, saving the liquid, stir clams and liquid into soup and simmer for 5 minutes, DO NOT BOIL.

Enjoy!